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28.	Soil Conservation in the Catchments of Flood Prone Rivers.
29.	Reclamation of Alkali Soils.
30.	Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas.
31.	Development of Beekeeping.
32.	Development of Medicinal and Aromtic Plants.
33.	Use of Plastics in Agriculture.
34.	Development of Commercial Floriculture.
35.	Development of Mushroom.
36.	Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits.
37.	Integrated Development Programme of Cashewnut.
38.	Development of Root and Tuber Crops.
39.	Development of Betelvine.
40.	Development of Arecanut.
41.	Development of Vegetables.
42.	Integrated Development of Cocoa.
43.	Integrated Development of Spices.
44.	Fishing Harbour Facilities at Minor Ports.
45.	Training and Extension (Fisheries).
46.	Inland Fisheries Statistics.
47.	Central Project Unit for Shrimp and Fish Culture.
48.	Brackish Water Fish Farm Development Agencies.
49.	Development of Coastal Marine Fisheries.
50.	Implementation of Marine Fishing Regulation Act.
51.	Fish Farm Development Agencies.
52.	Inland Fish Marketing.
53.	National Welfare of Fishermen.
54.	Investment in Debentures of LDBS.
55.	Non Overdue Cover Scheme.
56.	Agriculture Credit Stabilisation Fund.
57.	Special Scheme for SC/STs.
58.	Assistance to Women's Cooperatives.
59.	Assistance to Weaker Section Cooperatives.
60.	Timely Reporting Scheme.
61.	Improvement of Crop Statistics.
62.	Establishment of Agency for reporting of Agricultural Statistics.
63.	Crop Estimation Survey on Fruit, Vegetables and Minor Crops/Diagnostic Study.
64.	Livestock Census.
65.	Agricultural Census.

Pay Scales in Delhi Administration

4886. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revison of pay scales of grade-II officers of Delhi Administration is pending for a long time;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any final decision in this matter; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) The relevant proposal received from the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi could not be finalised so far in light of the policy decision taken by the Central Government not to consider such proposals till such time as a final view on the recommendations contained in the Fifth Pay Commission's report is taken.

[Translation]

Pollution Free Fertilizers

4887. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether bio-technology department has developed completely pollution free fertilizer by indigenous research;

(b) if so, whether the Government have provided adequate information to the farmers in this regard and the State where farmers are getting its benefit;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the further steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under a Mission Mode Project on technology development and demonstration of biofertilisers, training and awareness building through farmers meals and demonstration in their field in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Punjab, Delhi and West Bengal; the programme has directly benefited the farmers.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The programme is continuing for development of new technology packages of biofertilizers suited to different ecological conditions and crops.

[English]

Agriculture Research Programme

4888. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up a action plan for reorienting the agriculture research programme in collaboration with other advanced/developing countries in various areas during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for the upgradation of facilities and enhancement of quality of education in the agriculture universities during the Ninth Five Year Plan and outlays available for the programme, university-wise;

(c) the details of funds approved/released and actually utilised by the universities during 1997-98; and

(d) the total number of foreign scholarships available to the Indian Students?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINSTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. India has signed agreements with U.K., U.S.A., Australia, Brazil, Cuba, Iran, Tunisia, France Laos and Japan in the areas of agricultural research and education.

(b) Since the IX Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised, the details are not available at the moment. However, in the IX plan proposals the agricultural education has been given due importance.

(c) The budget allocated for agricultural education during 1997-98 is Rs. 30.30 crore. Since, the financial year has just begun, the information regarding utilisation of funds is not available.

(d) The Department of Agricultural Research and Education does not have any scheme to provide foreign scholarships to Indian students.

[Translation]

Construction of Dams

4889. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of construction of dams on the rivers of Vidisha district of Madhya Pradesh lying pending for environmental and forestry clearance with the Government and the date from which they are lying pending;

(b) the reasons for delay in according approval for the construction of dams on these rivers; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government for speedy clearance and the time by which the approval is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) No project for construction of dams on rivers of Vidisha district of Madhya Pradesh is pending for environmental clearance. One proposal pertaining to diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Donmoshi Tank Project was received on 1st April, 1997.

(b) and (c) The proposal which has very recently been received is presently under process.

[English]

Starvation Deaths in Orissa

4890. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated/reported starvation deaths in severe drought hit areas in the State of Orissa;

(b) whether such cases were also referred to the Human Rights Commission;

(c) if so, the number of cases referred and inquired into; and